

Burgh Castle Roman Fort Trail



Route summary

A 1.2 mile route around the Roman Fort with scenic views over the reed bed from a 600 metre boardwalk. This trail has something for everyone.

How to use

This trail has been audited to provide as much information as possible to plan a visit.

This booklet consists of:

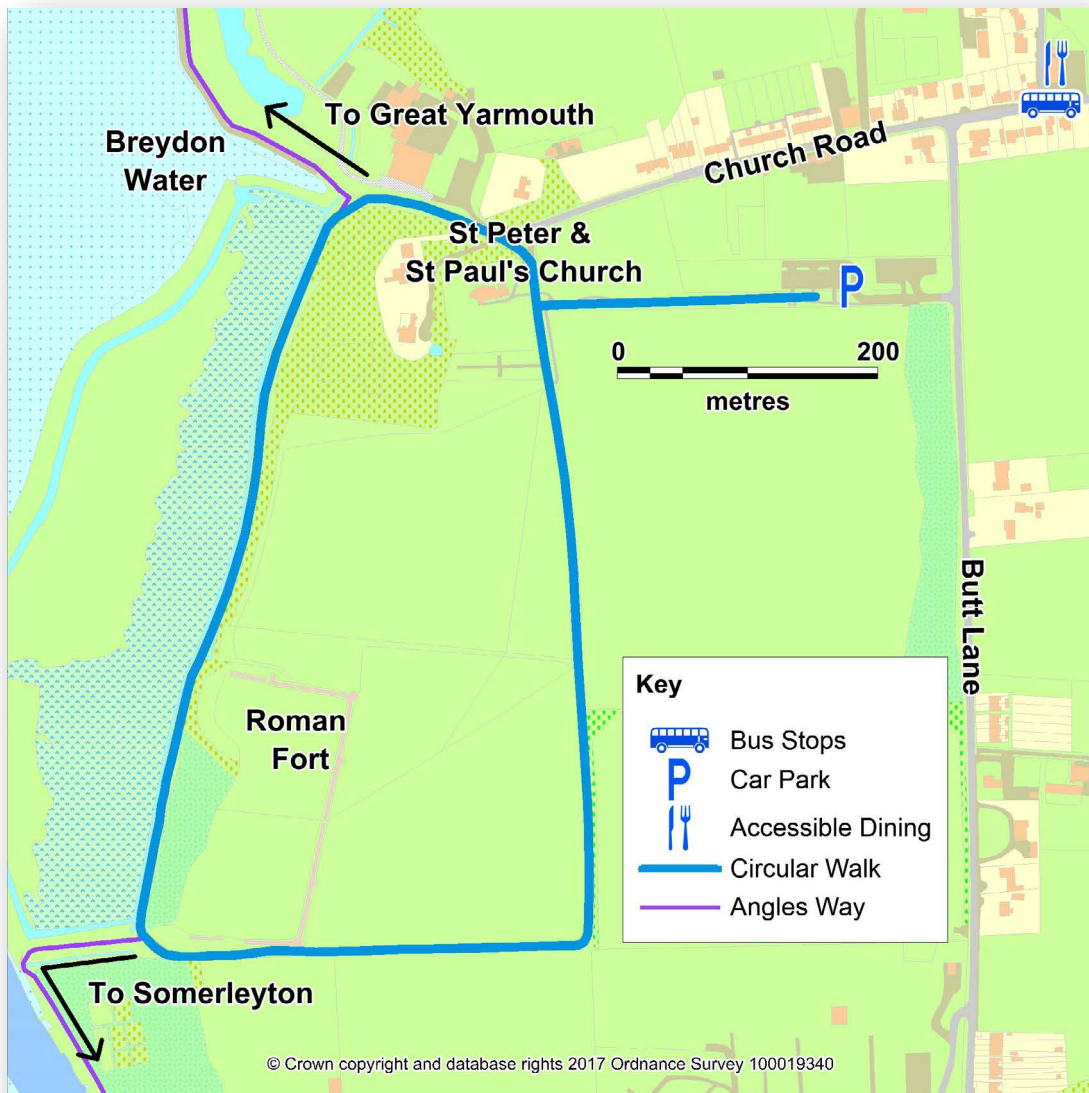
- A route map
- Key details
- Route description
- Audit map
- Audit photos
(corresponds to audit map)



Audits explained

This route has been audited to support people accessing the countryside and improve quality of life. The audit map has point numbers which correspond to photos and descriptions of what users will encounter on the trail.

Route Details



Route type: Features a 600 metre constructed boardwalk with views across Breydon Water. There are also sections of narrow earth trodden path/ compacted aggregate path and a gradient of 1:11 for 50 metres.

Distance: 1.2 miles

Start point: Butt Lane car park (Grid Ref: TG47890496)

Facilities: No public toilets, Queen's Head Pub (accessible dining).

Getting there:

Bus: Bus stop outside Queen's Head. More information at www.travelineeastanglia.co.uk

Car: Butt Lane car park, NR31 9QB (locked at 6pm).

Route Description

Burgh Castle is one of the best preserved Roman sites in the country. Built in the late 3rd Century AD, the thick walls of the fort are still an impressive sight. Originally, the fort would have guarded an area that the Romans referred to as the 'Saxon Shore'. Though the Roman Empire crumbled, the walls remained to house Saxons and later, Norman lords who redeveloped the fort into a motte and bailey castle.



Whilst the site is rich with history, it is also a beautiful place to wander, with panoramic views across Breydon Water to the mills and marshes beyond. The nutrient-rich mudflats of Breydon Water are teeming with life, which draws in a wide variety of wading birds to exploit this rich source of food. The surrounding grazing marshes also support a wide range of wildlife, including vast flocks of wildfowl such as pink-footed geese and eurasian wigeon in the winter months.

This short walk, featuring a 600 metre boardwalk and excellent interpretation, is perfect for an afternoon out and offers good access for all. The stunning area can easily be explored further, with the Angles Way passing through Burgh Castle on its way out of Great Yarmouth, alongside Breydon Water and the River Waveney towards Somerleyton.

Audit Map

Each of the audit points corresponds to a photo and details



Audit Photos

1



**2 kissing gates from car park to join path (RADAR key option)
Surface: constructed (crushed limestone), small loose stones**

2



**Surface: constructed (compacted limestone), small loose stones
Width: 2.5 metres**

3



**Surface: constructed, some small loose stones
Gradient: mostly flat with section of gentle slope (~1:20)**

4



**Access through hedge for alternative route to fort
Surface change: natural (mown grass)**

5



**Seating
(accessed through
hedge—see 4)**

6



**Surface: natural (earth
trod)
Length: 215 metres
Width: 400mm**

7



**Surface: managed
grass section over plastic
matting (may be muddy in
wet conditions)**

8



**Surface: constructed and firm
(compacted limestone),
some small loose stones
Start of gradient**

9



Gradient: 1:11
Length: 68 metres
The lower 21M of this gradient is on average 1:11

10



Concealed drop on the southern side of the footpath
Step: 100mm
Length: 14 metres

11



Start of boardwalk
Length: 598 metres
Width: 1.5 metres
Surface: constructed, wood decking with wire mesh and edging strips

12



Wide platform area
Gradient: some gentle (> 1:20)

13



Wide platform area

14



End of boardwalk

15



**Start of gradient (see 16)
Length: 90 metres
Surface: compacted track
with small loose stones**

16



**Gradient: 1:11
Length: 31 metres
The upper 31 metre of the
gradient is on average 1:11**

17



Surface: gradient progresses to a loose stony construction
Length: 15 metres

18



Kissing gate (RADAR key option)

19



Surface: compacted track with small loose stones
Length: 25 metres

20



Width: 900mm & 920mm
Restriction: kissing gate
Surface: uneven compacted track, small loose stones

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Surface: compacted track with small loose stones
Length: 222 metres

Try more Trails

With no stiles from Burgh Castle to either Great Yarmouth or Oulton Broad, why not explore further along the Angles Way. There is a firm riverbank path between Great Yarmouth and Burgh Castle with stunning views over the Broads National Park. To explore further, you can also follow two other long distance paths where Angles Way ends at Great Yarmouth – Weavers' Way and Wherryman's Way.

For more information about short walks, go to: www.norfolk.gov.uk/trails

Notes



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